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Spring and Summer 1898.

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Boone-Worsham.

Will Boone and Miss Sussie Worsham were married, Thursday evening, Feb., 17, at the residence of the bride's father, Wm. Worsham, in this city. Rev. W. P. Cloyd officiated. Immediately after the ceremony the newly married pair departed for their future home in Van Alstyne.

DENVER PATRICK STIMSON.

Meets Death By The Explosion Of a Gun Too Heavily Loaded.

A fatal and very sad accident occurred Saturday on the Wood Harris farm, 6 miles southwest of McKinney. Denver Patrick Stimson, the 17-year-old son of Joseph L. Stimson, was the victim whose young life was so suddenly terminated. Denver and his two cousins, Windfield Eastes and Buckner Harris, boys about his own age, were practicing target shooting with an old time long barreled squirrel rifle. After loading the gun with a double charge of powder and three balls the unfortunate young man pulled the trigger and the explosion of the gun near the breech resulted. A missile struck him on the hatband, piercing his hat which was knocked off and cutting a gash in his forehead. The wound was thought to be slight. Upon reaching home he insisted on coming to the doctor's office to have the gash sewed up, but was deterred by his mother and Dr Erwin was summoned to dress the wound. Despite all medical and he sank into unconsciousness, steadily growing worse until 3 o'clock Sunday morning when death resulted from concussion of the brain. Denver was a kindhearted, industrious boy and a member of the Methodist Sunday school. Pastor J. W. Hill conducted the funeral at the residence in west McKinney and a large concourse of friends attended the burial in Pecan Grove cemetery Monday afternoon. To the bowed down parents, sisters, brothers and other relatives our whole people offer truest sympathy in their unutterable grief over this sudden calamity which so cruelly bereft them. Surely nothing is so uncertain as life, and, doubtless, just some such sudden visitation of the death angel as this inspired the oftsung words of him who sang:

Death rides on every passing breeze,
And lurks in every flower;
Each season has his own disease,
Its peril ever hour!

Collin's Finances.

The following statement of Collin County's financial condition was filed and sworn to Saturday:

State of Texas, }
County of Collin. }

Before me, the undersigned officers on this day personally appeared M G. Abernathy county judge, Mack Smith, Chas. Rice, J. T. Lacy and S. O. Scott county commioners, who on oath, say that they actually counted the cash and assetts belonging to Collin county and find the same as follows:

Court House Fund	$6,985.95
County Fund	2,549.95
Jury Fund	528.02
Road & Bridge Fund	2,612.25
Permanent School Fund	3,085.58
Available School Fund	11,863.11
Total	27,624.86

M. G. ABERNATHY,
CHAS. RICE,
MACK SMITH,
S. O. Scott,
J. T. Lacy,

Sworn to and subscribed to before me this February the 19th, 1898. J. A. WALDEN,
Clerk of the County Court Collin County, Texas.
By W. B. WALDEN, Deputy.

LOCAL NEWS.

Personals and Happenings of Interest Gathered for The Democrat's Many Readers.

J. E. Bateman was here from Celina Friday.

Joe Leonard has returned from St. Louis.

Sheriff Coffey took A. Loven to the Terrell insane asylum Saturday.

Morris Feuchtwanger, of M. Aron & Co's, has gone to Pittsburg and Alleghaney, Pennsylvania, to remain for some time.

Miss Rosa Bassano of Paris is the guest of Mrs. Dink Estes.

Mrs. Joe Kirby of Greenville visited Mr. and Mrs. W. G. C. Horn here last week.

Mat Pearson, son of Mayor Pearson, has been confined with fever for several days.

The south eastern portion of McKinney is experiencing a very rapid growth now.

W. W. McDowell has arrived home from the northern and eastern markets.

Geo. P. Brown was here from Plano Saturday. Mr. Brown was recently elected conductor of the Collin county summer normal to be held this year.

Plano and Farmersville are aspirants for the Summer Normal of Collin county. But McKinhas the advantage of either in many respects and will doubtless entertain tho teachers again this summer.

Jas. A. Dorsey of the Dorsey printing supply company of Dallas met with the commissioners court, Friday, in adjustment of some business affairs between his company and the county.

Dock Hill shipped ten cars of cattle to Chicago, Monday. John Hill was in charge. "Buss" Wilson of the Foot House barber shop also accompanied the shipment.

On Wednesday of last week D. P. Ashley was accidentally shot by Ben Richardson in Farmersville. The ball entered above the knee and lodged near the groin inflicting a serious though not dangerous wound.

Mayor Pearson negotiated the purchase of three more $500 bonds for the city for which Monday, he paid, $1635. This purchase will save $855 interest to the city and reduces McKinney's indebtedness to $13700.

Col. Dick Wynne spent Friday in McKinney looking after his gubernatorial race. He is now engaged in a hand-shaking canvass which will continue until the middle of March when he expects to begin speech-making. At either method of electioneering he is a success in making favorable impressions among the people. The well known Panther city colonel has many admirers and army comrades in McKinney and Collin county to introduce him. He honored THE DEMOCRAT with a brief visit during his stay in the city.

It is announced that James K. Jones, J. W. Bailey, James S. Hogg and many other Southern politicians are honorary members of the Croker Tammany club of New York.

A visitor from Seattle Washington now in Texas says that Seattle is full of strangers who are waiting to start for Klondike in the spring. He thinks that many who are frail will perish while contending against Alaskan climate.

THE DANGER

to which the Expectant Mother is exposed and the foreboding and dread with which she looks forward to the hour of woman's severest trial is appreciated by but few. All effort should be made to smooth these rugged places in life's pathway for her, ere she presses to her bosom her babe.

MOTHER'S FRIEND

allays Nervousness, and so assists Nature that the change goes forward in an easy manner, without such violent protest in the way of Nausea, Headache, Etc. Gloomy forebodings yield to cheerful and hopeful anticipations—she passes through the ordeal quickly and without pain—is left strong and vigorous and enabled to joyously perform the high and holy duties now devolved upon her Safety to life of both is assured by the use of "Mother's Friend," and the time of recovery shortened.

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Real Estate Transfers.

List of real estate transfers filed for record in the county clerk's office McKinney, Texas, Week ending Feb. 18, 1898.

W J S Russell and wife to Mattie Webb, lot in Mary Standifer sur, $650.

E N McAulay and wife to H F Blue, 70 51-100a, E M Woods sur, $1400.

J H Wilcoxson and wife to John B. Tombs 1-2a, city of Farmersville $220.

C W Wilcoxson and wife to J H Wilcoxson 1-2a, in city of Farmersville $150.

J D McPherson and wife to C W Wilcoxson 1-2a, in city Farmersville $200.

C W Wilcoxson to J D McPherson 1a, lot W B Williams sur, $150.

Charley H Kerr and wife to Fain & May, 37 1-2a, John Chalmers sur, $180.25, and other valuable consideration.

J R Eldridge and wife to F K Brown and wife, lot in Plano $475.

J Walter Fewell to Henry L Bush all int. in est. Edward M. Bush dec'd, real and personal $150.

John W Fewell to Henry L Bush undivided int, est, of O E Bush deceased.

W B Webb to J T Andrews lot in Mary Standifer sur, $300.

T E Turner to C L Carrigan 25a, Jas. Strickland sur, $100.

W J S Russell and wife to J T Recer lots, 23 and 24, in blk, 9, W J S Russel 2nd addition to McKinney $300.

J H Wilcox and wife to Mrs M J Moore, lots 1 and 2, John M Lees addition to McKinney $800.

R A Barrett and wife to R H Dickerson 15a, R H Lock, sur, $300.

The State of Texas to Thos J Lee, patent 320, a. No 1662.

The State of Texas to Thos Ragsdale, patent 320, a. No 1582.

H S Talley to S D Talley, 30a, Wm B Watkins sur, $750.

N R Anderson and wife to H S Talley 1-2 int, in 108 2-5a, W B Watkins sur, $887.

H S Talley to J W Fox 27a, W B Watkins sur $675.

Walter L Johnson guardian, to H S Talley 2-3 int, in 108 2-5a, $1775.

W B Garrett and wife to J R Gough 170a, John Russell sur, $3400.

John P Sims and wife to G B Stewart lot 34, blk 13 Whites addition to McKinney $600.

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"	No 1	7:50 p.m.
South bound	No 2	8:17 a.m.
"	No. 16	3:10 p.m.
"	No 4	5:53 p.m.
"	Cannon Ball	10:05 p.m.

EAST LINE.

Passenger leaves,	9:28 a.m.
Local "	2:40 p.m.
Passenger, arrives.	4.55 p.m
Local "	10. 35 a.m

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THE DEMOCRAT.

THURSDAY, FEB. 24, 1898.

P. C. THOMPSON, Editor and Proprietor.
WALTER B. WILSON, Local Editor.

Spanish Treachery.

Latest advices from the investigation of the Maine horror indicate that the carnage of death which engulfed 253 American sailors in Havana harbor was the work of treachery and not accidentlal. The battle ship's magazines did not explode and the concensus of opinion is that the ill fated vessel was anchored over a terrible mine set off with an electric battery. However, this fact has not been absolutely established yet.

If it is, war with Spain is considered inevitable. The war and navy departments are active in preparation for hostilities. Propositions have been submitted to the government for the transportation of volunteers and stores to the sea ports by the railroads. Public sentiment in the United States is bitter and at a high tension of suspense pending the verdict of the investigating trial now in progress at Havana.

Rev. Sam P. Jones will be a candidate for governor of Georgia.

In another column will be seen the announcement of Sam H. Fox for county commissioner of precinct No. 1. Prior to the present incumbent's term of office Mr. Fox served in this capacity, and his record as such is said by his friends to be first class. He is a farmer and an able, courteous gentleman. Mr. Fox is subject to the action of the democratic party and solicits the favorable consideration of every voter in the primary.

W. B. Newsome authorizes us to announce him as a candidate for re-election to the board of aldermen from ward No. 2. Mr. Newsome is now filling out the unexpired term of F. E. Wilcox, and no new member has ever applied himself more assiduously and advantageously to the city's varied interests. As a business man his success has been marked and recommends him for the position which is an especially important one just at this time when the city has so many improvements under headway. McKinney is fortunate in having such men as Mr. Newsome on its aldermanic board.

The present county clerk John A. Walden authorizes us to announce that he is a candidate for re-election. For many years Mr. Walden has been a citizen of Collin county, first a farmer, merchant at Wylie and then chosen to his present position. Consequently he is well known to a great majority of our people. He believes that he has profited in knowledge by his experience in the office, the duties of which he is now much better qualified to discharge with advantage to the public owing to familiarity with them. He is subject to the democratic primary and solicits the support of all his many friends and voters generally. If nominated and elected he will strive in the future, as in the past, to discharge the trust with fidelity and due appreciation of the honor conferred.

The name of W. W. Shepherd appears in our announcement column this week for the democratic renomination for county superintendent of schools. During the three years Mr. Shepherd has occupied this office he has devoted his whole time and energy to the fulfillment of its duties and believes the knowledge gained by this experience will enable him to serve the school interests of Collin county more satisfactorily to all concerned if re-elected to the position. He has taught at various schools in the county during his long residence in Collin and has hosts of acequaintances in every community. He submits his candidacy to the voters upon his past record in office which standard he will endeavor to maintain if continued in the position. Consider his claims.

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Hood's Sarsaparilla

According to press reports from London, United States Ambassador John W. Hay is traveling in Egypt and is not at his post of duty. Is it to be the continued policy of our government to pay out big salaries to idlers? It is time to call a halt on official extravagance.

A Deposition Retort.

The fact that a man has a front seat at the Democratic pie counter for years in Texas is not unquestionable evidence that he wears a 7½ hat, or that his brain fibre is of the Websterian texture. This class of political pygmies can be found in almost any county in Texas, and their vacuity and presumption always holds them up to ridicule. Hon.(?) Alvin Owsley, who pretended to represent the county of Denton in the law-making department of the State, is a fair sample.

In a case now pendingin the district court at Denton, Mr. Owsley, who is the attorney for the defendants, in crossing the interrogatories made to Hon. J. C. Kearby, of Dallas, by the plaintiffs of the case, propounded the following cross-questions to Mr. Kearby: "Are you not the same J. C. Kearby who was a candidate for governor last year, and do you not contemplate being a candidate for governor in 1898? If you answer yes, what do you estimate your majority will be?"

To this Mr. Kearby replied: "I was the candidate of my party for governor in 1896. I am not contemplating a candidacy for governor, nor any other office in 1898. Never having my self-conceit excited by being elected to misrepresent an honest and tax-burdened constituency at five dollars a day, never having actually participated in purloining another party's platform, never having pharisaically thanked God that I am not as other people are, I have reached the conclusion that the race of people to which the propounder of this question belongs is too numerous in Texas to admit of the success of patriotism, intelligence or common sense. Hence my retirement."

Just what relevancy there is in the cross-question of the gentleman from Denton to the case at issue, none but a Texas legislator can determine.—Southern Mercury.

Democratic Test.

Chairman J. W. Blake's committee met in the Oriental Hotel in Dallas Tuesday Feb. 22. The date of holding the primaries was fixed at July 9 for the state convention at Aug. 2. Galveston gets the convention. The Crane men carried out their programme and adopted the strict Bryan and Culberson test over the protest of Blake, Reagan and Hogg. Hot talk was indulged in by the members. Blake told his obdurate committee "you are not giving a man the right to change his views since the last election." Populists who voted for Bryan and Sewall and the populist state ticket, together with democrats who refused to vote for Bryan and Sewall, but voted the state and county democratic tickets, are excluded alike from the primaries and proscribed. Just before the vote on the test was taken Chairman Blake uttered the following significant warning: "I tell you right now that it is going out from this meeting if such a policy is adopted that it is a machine run in the interest of a certain candidate and the PEOPLE OF TEXAS WILL REPUDIATE THAT CANDIDATE." The policy he alluded to was adopted. It now remains to be seen whether Blake is a true prophet. Throughout, the committee's action was dominated by the Crane element, the hereditary element of the present Texas official dynasty in foreordained line of succession. Henceforth a rigid period of probation must be undergone by would-be democratic recruits and their motives questioned and sincerity impugned. But this scramble for place and pie is none of ours.

Democratic Fraud in Alabama.

The House committee on elections at Washington last week in the case of W. F. Aldrich populist against T. S. Plowman, democrat, from the 4th district of Alabama decided in favor of Aldrich, and say in their report: "We shall endeavor to demonstrate by what methods the will of the people was thwarted. In doing so not all of the frauds perpetrated will be referred to; only salient features can be touched and representative instance cited. If the election laws of Alabama had been designedto encourage fraud and thwart the people's will they could not have been, in some respects, more happyilly framed to meet the purpose."

After criticising the Alabama election law as putting the honest vote at the mercy of dishonest markers, the report says: "When it is known that the condition for such a state of facts exists, it is not strange that illiterate voters should remain away from the polls in that they would at least not furnish ammunition for their political opponents. But this made little difference to the democratic managers in Dallas county. They voted the illiterate colored men, present or absent, The machinery was simple and effective. Fortunately it has been discovered and the details of its operations laid bare. Fraud is everywhere; not lurking in secret, but bold and insolent. It is chiefly of five kinds.

"1—Fraudalently padding the poll list with names of persons not registered; sometimes of fictitious persons and sometimes of persons who did not live in the precinct.

"2—By padding the poll list with names of persons on the registration list who did not vote.

"3 By imposing on illiterate voters.

"4—By the old-fashioned method of falsely recording votes.

"5—By refusing to hold any election at all in certain strong populist precincts

After going into such details on the alleged frauds the committee says it has revised the vote on the most conservative line giving Aldrich a plurality of 542, whereas the election of Plowman was claimed by 2,967 plurality.

BOWLBY BUDS.

Valuable Jewelry Found In a Bottle—Mexican Quarter Buried Twenty-One Years In a Mare's Shoulder

Feb. 22, 1898.

Some are planting corn and some holding back looking for more cold weather.

Robert Striplin living with Landon Duncan on the Feland farm found a bottle which contained two gold rings three gold watch chains and two scarf pins and two stud buttons supposed to have been hidden there.

Little Roxie Pots has pneumonia.

Jackson Westfall is on the sick list this week.

On account of sickness Rev. Hornbeak failed to fill his last appointment.

S. H. Foster of Rheas Mill has a Mexican quarter which stayed in one of his mare's shoulders for 21 years, it was put there by him to cure swinne.

Rev. Morgan filled his last appointment and organized a Baptist church at this place with eleven members.

A Sunday school was organized here last Sunday with J. C. Williams superintendent.

Joe Crutcher and wife visited in the Rock Hill neighborhood last Sunday,

Francis Griffin and family visited Sam Foster of Rheas Mill last week, CENTRAL.

DESERT DESSERT.

Blue Ridge Institute — Local Items and Personal Mentions.

Feb. 21, '98.

The Teachers' Intitute was held at Blue Ridge 18 and 19nst. The many subjects were well discussed and much interest was aroused.

We had an exciting debate at Cross Roads, Thursday night. The speakers made exhaustive arguments.

Jess Pace visited his relatives at Dodd City last week.

Oliver Hart, Misses Milia and Julia Hart and Miss Ida Howe of Blue Ridge visited in our little city Sunday.

Bob Walker, who is attending school at Whitewright, gave his father a call Saturday.

James Mangum has gone to Celeste.

Miss Ida Bridges while at school last week happened to a fall which placed a serious gash on her forehead. She is improving at this writing.

A few candidates have been around to see the dear people in these parts.

George Fraziers of Pike gave us a call Sunday.

Don Wallace's smiling face was seen in our community Sunday.

Many of the farmers have sown oats.

The farmers are up with their work better than they have been for years. RUFUS.

FARMERSVILLE BUDGET.

Accidental Shooting — Arrest — Spicy Personals.

Feb. 22, '98.

S. N. Neathery returned from the Indian Territory last Saturday night, where he has been about ten days buying cotton.

Curtis Hancock and lady, of Oak Cliff arrived in the city last Saturday night. Their many friends here will give them a cordial reception. They are stopping at Mr. and Mrs. J. Horn's.

Ben Burns came in Saturday last and will be at home for a few days. His many friends welcome him back to his old home.

DeWitt Rawllins has gone to Quinlan where he will engage in the drug business with Ed Carter. We hope our friends will succeed in their new business.

Mrs. Dr. King has returned from a visit to friends in Hillsboro.

A house belonging to Lee Scroggins, east of the city, burned last Saturday evening. We are glad to say, however, that most of the household goods were saved.

Henry Smith, D. Scott, Bruce Webb, Vivian Harris, and others whose names we did not learn, went to Galveston last Friday night on the excursion to see the battle ships. We learn that they had a good time all the way through.

Last Wednesday the 16th inst. D. P. Ashby was accidentally shot at his home by Ben Richardson. It seems Richardson had been working on a cistern for Mr. Ashby, and coming into the room, he picked up his coat which was on a chair, when his pistol, a large calibre No. 61, fell from the coat pocket, and striking the floor, discharged and shot Mr. Ashby through the leg above the knee, making an ugly and very painful wound. The ball was extracted, and we are glad to say that the patient is doing as well as could be expected, and we hope to see him up again in a short time.

John Hardin was in Dallas last Tuesday.

Geo. Hardin was in McKinney Tuesday attending court at that place.

Fred Pendergrass was arrested here last Monday for the murder of a man named Mitchell, in Scott county, Va., about seven or eight years ago. The officers took him to McKinney, and the sheriff of Scott county notified of the capture. We do not know the particulars of the killing. ORIENT.

THE ALCALDES.

Hold an Interesting Meeting Monday night -Complimentary Resolutions.

The Alcalde club held an instructive and unusually interesting meeting Monday night in the office of J. M. Muse, its president. The club is composed of the younger members of the McKinney bar. Manley Beard read a paper on "The Amendments to Our Statues made by the last Legislature." A querry box was opened and many pointed questions were asked, and a general discussion of the Cuban question was engaged in by all the members. This developed that the attorneys were all Cuban sympathizers. Hon. W. M. Abernathy, Sr., addressed the members on the history of the origin of law. This was a treat. Mr. Abernathy was elected to an honorary membership in the Alcalde. The president appointed W. S. Terrell, Manley Beard and R. L. Moulden a program committee. The following resolutions were passed before adjournment:

McKinney Tex., Feb. 21, '98.

We, the committee appointed by the President of the "Alcalde Club" beg leave to present the following resolutions, viz:

Whereas Mr. R. H. Mangum is contemplating an early departure from McKinney to a field of labor that presents more favorable opportunities.

Therefore be it resolved by the Alcalde Club of McKinney, Texas:

1st. That in his separation from us we lose one of our most active and worthy members.

2nd: That from an intimate association with him we have found him a high toned gentleman in every respect, a bright student and a well versed lawyer.

3rd. That we recommend him to the Bar of his future home as a man of sterling qualities and a lawyer destined to add luster and renown to the profession.

4th. That we are very sorry to lose him but glad that fate has woven for him a destiny of brighter gems than could have been attained here.

5th. That we extend to him our brotherly love and affection and wish for him a happy and prosperous career during future life.

6th. That a copy of these rosolutions be presented him and a copy be filed among the archives of the club.

W. S. TERRELL,
R. C. MERRITT,
R. L. MOULDEN,
Committee.

Adopted by the club in open session.

J. M. MUSE, Pres.
T. S. JACKSON, Sec'y.

NEW WAY TO REDUCE ACREAGE.

Farmer Says If Everybody Adv cates Increase Reduction Will Follow.

McKinney, Tex., Feb. 20.—E. W. Kirkpatrick of this city presents a somewhat novel idea to obtain a reduction of the cotton crop acreage. He says that if the writers and press editorials will advocate increasing the acreage persistently that the effect will be to scare the cotton growers into decreasing it in order to avoid low prices, while, on the other hand, if everybody talks for decreasing, a secret, selfiish idea will be entertained by almost every individual that by increasing his own crop he will scoop the balance, consequently the same "overplanting" occurs yearly.

GENERAL NEWS.

Items of Interest Briefly Culled For The Readers of The Democrat.

The Texas Herald of Paris Texas is coming to us much improved The Herald is a first class paper.

Miss Frances E. Willard died in New York Feb., 17. She was famous as a temperance worker and president of the National Women's Christian Temperance Union.

The Thorp Springs College will be moved to Lancaster Dallas county Tex.

The Denton people are contemplating the establishment of an $80,000 cotton mill plant.

L. G. Coffman, a farmer living near Weatherford Tex. was drowned in the Brazos River Feb. 15.

Homer T. Wilson lectured to a crowded house at the city hall in Fort Worth Feb. 18. His subject was, "The Confederate Woman".

A local train on the M. K. & T. going out of Denison was thrown from the track Feb., 19. All on board were muchly shaken but no serious injuries were received.

Feb., 18 Geo. Hendrie was hanged at Decatur Tex. for the Murder of Jailer Coberly. He prayed for forgiveness. The hanging was witnessed by hundreds.

Complete returns from all voting boxes in Whitney, Tex., precinct No. 4, in which a local option election was held Saturday, gives 489 for prohibition and 269 against, a majority of 220, against a majority of 44 two years ago.

The cattle Raisers' Association of Texas holds its twenty-first annual meeting in Fort Worth Mar. 8. Its membership numbers 1100 and the number of cattle represented runs up into the millions.

The court of inquiry to ascertain the author of the Maine's destruction in Havana harbor convened, Tuesday, and is now taking evidence. Spain's offer to participate in the investigation was rejected by McKinley. Only four divers are at work and many burned, mutilated and distorted bodies are yet pinioned in the wreck.

The young daughter of James Alday aprominent citizen of Georgia, while returning to her father's house from a spring about 200 yards distant, was seized by three negroes and fire was set to her skirts. She was then ordered to fly for her life. When she reached the house not a thread of clothing was left on her body which was literally one huge blister.

J. J. Orchard of Dallas was in McKinney the latter part of last week talking cotton mill. He is an experienced manufacturer and is well pleased with McKinney as a favorable point for a factory.

The county commissioners have decided to defer indefinitely the placing in of new cells in the county jail. They do not believe such improvements are as needful of immediate attention as some other matters Agents from Houston and St. Louis met the commissioners recently in an effect to secure contracts for new cells.

Pointed Paragrafhs.

Hearts are always trumps on February 14.

A very little valentine often goes a long ways.

When a dentist is buried he fills his last cavity.

A friend who is never in need is a friend indeed.

Flattery is a key that has opened many a feminine heart.

The wise man always writes his love letters on a cake of ice.

It's a poor valentine that fails to either please a woman or make her mad.

Many a man who is cramped for time in this world may have it to burn in the next.

The small boy is apt to get his dessert when the pantry door is left unlocked.

It is the desire on the part of the cyclist to ride easy that makes the wheel pneumatically tired.

When a woman marries a man and the honeymoon is on the wane, then she begins to find him out nearly every night.

An epicure says six things are necessary in order to make home happy. The first is a good cook and the other five are money.

FOR ALL WOMEN

NINE-TENTHS of all the pain and sickness from which women suffer is caused by weakness or derangement in the organs of menstruation. Nearly always when a woman is not well these organs are affected. But when they are strong and healthy a woman is very seldom sick.

McELREE'S Wine of Cardui

Is nature's provision for the regulation of the menstrual function. It cures all "female troubles." It is equally effective for the girl in her teens, the young wife with domestic and maternal cares, and the woman approaching the period known as the "Change of Life." They all need it. They are all benefitted by it.

For advice in cases requiring special directions, address, giving symptoms, the "Ladies' Advisory Department," The Chattanooga Medicine Co., Chattanooga, Tenn.

THOS. J. COOPER, Tupelo, Miss., says: "My sister suffered from very irregular and painful menstruation and doctors could not relieve her. Wine of Cardui entirely cured her and also helped my mother through the Change of Life."

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PRINCETON PICK-UPS.

Candidates Visit — Marriage — Death Of an Old Mother In Israel—The Curse Of Drink.

Feb. 21, 98.

M. H. Byrne of McKinney was in Princeton one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Efird have moved from Farmersville near Princeton.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee's 6-months-old infant died on the 11th, inst. The interment took place at 3 o'clock in the afternoon in Princeton cemetery; services conducted by Rev. J. B. Wellman of the Protestant M. E. church.

Miss Cora Caldwell arrived from Dublin Saturday and took charge of her music class at the residence of S. O. Miller.

Mrs. H. M. Pirtle returned Monday from Farmersville where she had been to visit her parents.

Frank E. Wilcox, W. S. Terrell, J. W. Pafford, and a number of other candidates were electioneering in Princeton last week.

Mrs. A. E. McMurray of Dallas and Miss Sallie Andrews of McKinney were guests of Mrs. J. F. Smith Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Emert late of Morristown, Tennessee will make their home in Collin county Mrs. Emert is a niece of Mrs. Sarah Hodges.

Charlie Russell and family are now residents of McKinney.

The largest funeral gathering that was ever assembled in Princeton cemetery was that of Mrs. J. C. Treece, Sunday afternoon, Feb. 6th. She was a lady of ripe old age; and member of the Disciple church and a sister of D. C. Efird, Sr. Peace to her ashes.

Mesdames Henry Lewis and J. P. A. Wallace of McKinney visited Mrs. T. G. Boorman last week.

The following I. O. G. T. officers were installed at the beginning of this quarter: J. B. Wellman, C. T; W. L. O'Gwin, P. C. T; Mrs. P. B. Buckalew, V. T; J. E. Flanagan, Sec'y; J. F. Smith, Chaplain; J. T. Dugger, Treas. J. K. Wilson, Fin. Sec'y; E. E. Flanagan, Guard; G. H. Chance, Sentinel; Chas. Wilson, Marshal; Mrs. W. L. O'Gwin, D. Mar; Dr. R. L. Davis, Librarian; Mrs. E. J. O'Gwin, S. J. T.

Miss Effie King was married to Mr. Aiken yesterday (Sunday) afternoon, at her father's residence two miles north of Princeton. We throw the time honored slipper after them.

G. D. Lone has bought 35 acres of land from Joe Evans just east of the Methodist church, and will build a nice residence in Princeton during the year. The surety of a school here was the inducement that caused the purchase.

Eld. Ben Faulkner preached at the school house Monday night. He will have a standing appointment for for the 2nd, Monday night in each month at the Methodist church.

Mrs. N. C. Brooks and Miss Addie Wilson came out from McKinney Monday and remained over until Tuesday afternoon visiting friends and relatives

Dr. Boorman was called to the home of Mr. Normon, two miles east of Farmersville Thursday to attend his wife who is dangerously sick. She is a sister of Mesdames S. H. Guffee and W. B. McGehee.

Miss Kate Wilson entered school again Monday at the Institute in McKinney.

An I. O. G. T. brother related the following to the writer: A short time ago a man who is a victim of strong drink bought fifty pounds of flour at a grocery store in McKinney where he is trading on credit; took it to a saloon and bartered to the keeper for about half its value in liquor and chances at the ten pin alley. When the flour was gone he handed over an ax that he had also purchased that day! Oh, the power that is in strong drink! Would to God that all who are yet free would unite in helping to rescue the weak and fallen from the tempter's snare This same I. O. G. T. brother said that it was nothing uncommon for drinking men to do this; that last year men were known to exchange $1.40 worth of coffee bought on time for a pint of whiskey. Down with the saloons, away with the traffic in mens souls! Any man who votes an anti-prohibition ticket—speaks one word in favor of rum, is a full partner with the dispenser of hell broth, and must stand before the judgment seat of God to answer for his wicked act. "Oh," some will say, "men ought not to be so weak, they should have more will power." Adam was tempted and fell—are we stronger than he? Observation confirms that neither genius, learning, position, nor strength is proof against the seductive powers of strong drinks. "Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his color in the cup, when it moved itself aright. At the last it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder." Prov. 23:31-32. Paul says in Romans 14:21, "It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor anything whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak." J. F. S.

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Ennis, Texas.

POPULISTS NOTICE.

To expedite the taking of the Referendum vote, territory has been assigned as follows to the several members of the Referendum committee, to whom the chairmen in the respective states will make their report:

Paul Dixon, Chillicothe, Mo.
Missouri, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, Utah, Colorado, California, Wyoming, Nevada,

L. D. Reynolds, Chicago, Ill.
Oregon, Montana, Washington, Idaho, Nebraska, South Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois.

Harry Tracy, Dallas, Texas.
Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas, Mississippi.

Chas. McGregor, Atlanta, Ga.
Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia.

A. H. Motsinger, Shoals, Ind.
Connecticut, Delaware, Indiana, Maine, Maryland, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Dist. of Columbia, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, New Hampshire.

PEOPLE'S PARTY REFERENDUM BALLOT.

Date.....

Believing in the principles of the people's party and favoring independent party action and not having voted on the annexed proposition, I vote as follows:

PROPOSITIONS.

1. Do you favor a national convention being held, pending the campaign of 1898, for the purpose of promoting the welfare and declaring the future policy of the party?

Vote.....
Yes; or No.

2. Which of the following dates is your choice for holding a National Convention for the nomination of presidential candidates for the peoples party?

July 4, 1898. May 26, 1899. Feb. 22, 1900.

Vote.....
Write on this line your choice of above dates.

My name is.....

Postoffice.....County.....State.....

Note—This ballot may be used at township, precinct or ward referendum meetings called for that purpose by the county or township chairman, or by five loyal populists. County chairmen should attend these meetings, explain the Referendum, and report the result of the vote to the chairman of the state organization committee of his state, not later than April 20, 1898, who will tabulate the vote by counties and report by May 1, 1898, through the Referendum committeeman who has charge of the territory in which the vote is taken, to the chairman of the National Organization committee, Milton Park, Dallas, Texas. In addition to these meetings, committeemen and workers everywhere are uged to see that each township, precinct and ward is canvassed so that every member of the party will have o chance to vote. Any populist may fill out his ballot and deliver it to any township or county chairman, or mail it to his State Organization chairman.

Citation By Publication

The State of Texas, to the Sheriff or any Constable of Collin county, greeting:

You are hereby commanded, that by making Publication of this Citation in some newspaper published in the County of Collin if there be a newspaper published in said County, (but if not, then in the nearest County where a newspaper is published) for four weeks previous to the return day hereof, you Summon Fred Jones whose residence is unknown, to be and appear before the Hon. District Court, at the next regular term thereof, to be holden in the County of Collin at the Court House thereof, in McKinney, on the sixth Monday after the first Monday in February 1898, the same being the 21st, day of March 1898. File Number being 4708, then and there to answer the Petition of Jesse Jones, filed in said Court on the 16th day of February A. D. 1898 against the said Fred Jones, and alleging in substance as follows, to-wit: That Plaintiff is a bonafide inhabitant of the County of Collin, State of Texas, and has resided in said county for more than six months next prior to the filing of this suit. That on the 10th day of August 1893 plaintiff and defendant intermoved in Collin county Texas. That on the next after said marriage, the defendant without any cause or occasion abandoned the plaintiff with the intention of permanently remaining away, and has remained separate and apart from plaintiff since said time that the conduct above stated constituted and was cruelty.

Wherefore, plaintiff prays citation issue the defendant to appear and answer herein and on final hearing hereof she have judgment for divorce, dissolving the bonds of Matrimony existing between plaintiff and defendant and for all further and other relief pertaining to this case.

Herein Fail Not but have you then and there before said Court this Writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, in McKinney this 17th, day of February A. D. 1898. (SEAL)

Attest: E. R. HALL.
Clerk District Court Collin County, Texas.

Excursion Rates.

To points in the East and Southeast via the "Cotton Belt Route." for the following occasions: To St. Louis, account Interstate Merchants Association Feb. 20, 27, March 6, 13, April 2 and 10, rate of one and one fifth fares, on the certificate plan. One way ticket will be sold at regular rates, and passangers given certificate, which, if presented within three days after adjournment of the meeting, properly signed by Mr. C. A. Singer, and stamped by D. Whizart, will entitle holder to return ticket at one-fifth fare.

For the following events reduced round trip rates will be announced in due time:

To Baltimore, Md. for the General Conference of the M E Church South, May 6.

To Norfolk, Va. for the American Babtist Educational Society. May 5; Southern Baptist Convention May 6 12, and Womans Bap. Missionary Union May 6 10.

To Washington, D. C., for the Annual Meeting of the National Educational Association, July 7, 12.

To Nashville, Tenn., for the International United Society of Christian Endeavor, July 5, 12.

To Atlanta, Ga. for Ex-Confederate Veterans Reunion, July 21 24.

To Columbia, S. C. for the General Conference of the (Colored) M E Church, May 3.

For further information please call on or address any Cotton Belt Ticket Agent, or

A. A. Glisson, T. P. A., Fort Worth.

S. G. Warner, Genl. Pass. Agt. Tyler, Texas.

A biscuit trust is announced. Will we have to eat cornbread? But why? Would it not result in a cornbread trust?

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Two daily trains; Tickets sold via this route to points North, East, South and west.

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For further information apply to your local agent or address,
E. M. Alvord, Gen. Supt.
J. W Chatham, G. F. & P. A,
Greenville, Tex,

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HOUSTON, TEXAS.

S. QUESENBURY, Agent, McKinney, Texas.

West Texas Excursion Rates.

We are anxious to build up Western Texas, and commencing at once and continuing until April 30, we will sell to all comers from Fort Worth and stations east, including Alexandria, La., round trip tickets to Abilene, Pecos, and stations intermediate, and to Eddy and Roswell, New Mexico, at rate of one and one third fares for the round trip; tickets good for 30 days from date of sale.

This will be the best time of the year to see Western Texas, and you ought to take advantage of the opportunity.

See nearest ticket agent for further information, or address E. P. Turner, General Passenger Agent, T. & P. R'y., Dallas, Texas.

DONT FORGET THE NUMBER

Hibbits & Martin have purchased the barber shop on South Tenn. street, and have reopened for business. We are prepared to give first-class work and guarantee satisfaction. We don't have shaves by the carload but make them to order when you call for them. Soliciting a part of your patronage. We are yours to serve. Hibbits & Martin

4 doors South of G. C. Davis

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Subject to the democratic primaries.

For Local Representative
TOM W. PERKINS

For County Judge
J. H. FAULKNER
F. E. WILCOX
J. L. DOGGETT
D. P. JOHNSON

For County Attorney
GEORGE HARDIN
H. L. DAVIS

For County Clerk
PAT MOULDEN
W. M. SHIRLEY
J. A. WALDEN

For Sheriff
J. W. PAFFORD

For Tax Collector
YANCY POWELL
A W KNIGHTON

For County Superintendent of schools
W. W. SHEPHERD

For Commissioner Precinct No. 1
SAM H FOX

For Justice of the Peace Precinct 1.
W. L. YARBROUGH
J. T. ANDREWS.

CITY ELECTION.

For Marshal
SCOTT ALLISON
SAM BURKS.

For Tax Assessor and Collector
R. B. DAVIS

For Alderman Ward No. 2
W. B. NEWSOME

For Alderman Ward No. 3
Dr. W T MOORE

LOCAL NEWS.

Personals and Happenings of Interest Gathered for The Democrat's Many Readers.

County court convened Monday.

Mrs. John G. Davis is on the sick role.

Splendid bargains at the Nickle Store next door to postoffice.

J. T. Nale exchanges new for second hand stoves.

Lon Martin and family have moved back from Jack county to Melissa.

Sundry useful articles, cheap, at the Nickle Store.

Mr. and Mrs. John J. Walden visited relatives near Melissa Sunday.

We deliver, free and promptly, groceries to any part of the city.
Cox & Berry.

Mrs. T. M. McDaniel has returned from a week's visit in Dallas.

For many years the Nickle Store has pleased its customers. Join the happy throng for 1898.

Senator Goss, of Seymore, is in McKinney today. He is a candidate for land commissioner.

For county maps call on J. H. Jenkins.

Window glass all sizes, at City Drug Store.

R. H. Mangum left Tuesday for his future home at Montgomery, Ala.

J. T. Nale makes picture frames cheaper than anybody, one door east of postoffice.

Mrs. J. E. Wiley entertained the Ladies' Aid Society of the Methodist church Tuesday.

WALL PAPER. WALL PAPER. All the new patterns from 5c a roll up. at City Drug Store.

The famous Fleur de Hungrois brand of flour for sale at Cox & Berry's.

Several from town attended the Washington natal exercises at Forrest Grove, Tuesday.

Buy your garden seed of Goostree & Houston. In bulk and packages, fresh and cheap.

50 different brands cough medicine. All the reliable kinds, at City Drug Store.

George Fitzhugh has returned from Mineral Wells. He took H. C. Herndon's horse and buggy through.

Our groceries are new, standard goods, and at lowest living prices. Give us a trial. Cox & Berry.

Make your wife and children happy by taking them to the Nickel Store when in McKinney.

Pure whiskies, wines and brandies for medicinal use, at City Drug Store.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY.

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure.

Ash Grove school, Prof. W. L. Page teacher, observed Washington's anniversary Tuesday with public exercises.

Stop that Cough! Take warning. It may lead to Consumption. A 25c. bottle of Shiloh's Cure may save your life. Sold by Smith Bros. 1

Best market prices always paid for country produce at Goostree & Houston's.

Mrs. W. W. Tichnor is visiting friends in Houston.

The family of A. E Lawrence have been quite sick, but all are improving at present.

For seed potatoes go to Goostree & Houston. They keep all varieties such as Early Rose, Burbanks and Triumph.

Best paint on earth, covers more and wears longest, looks best, full measure S. W. B. guaranteed, at City Drug Store.

The Nickel Store's stock consists of varied useful and ornamental articles. Next time you are in McKinney inspect it.

I have re-opened my jewelry repair business at the same old stand and am prepared as before to do all kinds of jewelry and watch work, and respectfully solicit the business of my former patrons. V. C. COLEMAN.

In a recent letter from Washington D. C., to an old friend, Major G. A. Studer, for twenty years United States Consul at Singapore says: "While at Des Moines I became acquainted with a liniment known as Chamberlain's Pain Balm, which I found excellent against rheumatism as well as against soreness of the throat and chest (giving me much easier breathing). I had a touch of pneumonia early this week, and two application freely applied to the throat and chest relieved me of it at once. I would not be without it for anything." For sale by City Drug Store.

A. W. Campbell of Dallas is holding a masonic school of instruction in McKinney. It begun yesterday at 2 p.m.

Largest stock paints, oils, varnishes, window glass, brushes and wall paper at very low prices. City Drug Store,

We are prepared to accommodate the trade with anything in the grocery line. Immediate delivery free. Goostree & Houston.

A cough is an easy thing to cure if taken in time. It is dangerous to neglect one for any length of time. Dr. Simmons' Cough Syrup is guaranteed. Fifty cents a bottle,

Fire Tuesday morning damaged J. A. Rogers barn and totally destroyed another one in an adjoining lot.

Shiloh's Consumption Cure cures where others fail. It is the leading Cough Cure, and no home should be without it. Pleasant to take and goes right to the spot. Sold by Smith Bros. 1

We have a big stock of garden seeds in bulk and packages and all varieties of the best seed potatoes.
Goostree & Houston.

International Stock Food, 3 feeds for one cent, for horses, cattle, sheep and hogs. Every package waranteed, at City Drug Store.

Why Dr. Simmons' Cough Syrup is the cheapest. It is the only cough remedy giving 50 doses for 50 cents. Money is refunded if not benefitted or satisfied. Try it. Ask your druggist for a sample bottle.

Prof. E. W. Kerr of the Bryan A and M College faculty is quite ill at the home of his parents at Vineland His brother accompanied him up from Bryan.

A Wonderful Discovery.

The last quarter of a century records many wonderful discoveries in medicine, but none that have accomplished more for humanity than that sterling old remedy, Browns' Iron Bitters. It seems to contain the very elements of good health, and neither man, woman or child can take it without deriving the greatest benefit. For sale by all dealers.

Farmers when in McKinney with your children take them to the Nickle Store—It will make them happy to see the pretties though you buy nothing.

Uriah Jones, Hezekiah Brown and John Peter Smith will testify to the wonderful curative properties of Dr Simmons' Cough Syrup Sample bottles free. Satisfaction or money refunded.

Norman Johnson of Terrell visited his sister, Mrs. S. H. Cole, of this city this week.

The need of a good Spring Medicine is almost universal and Hood's Sarsaparilla exactly meets this need. Be sure to get Hood's.

Goostree & Houston have enlarged their business by the addition of a ware house. This firm does an extensive and some wholesale business.

Assistant Postmaster W. M. Bagley is sick this week. Rev. W. P. Cloyd is filling his place at the postal money order window.

For Constipation take Karl's Clover Root Tea, the great Blood Purifier. Cures Headache, Nervousness, Eruptions on the face, and makes the head clear as a bell. Sold by Smith Bros. 1

Grandma Calloway died at Wylie Thursday at the ripe old age of 86. She left many relatives. Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Parker of this city attended the burial Friday.

We solicit a portion of the farmers grocery trade. Bring us your produce and get the best market prices.
Cox & Berry.

FOR RENT—Good McKinney wagon yard, block No. 20 adjacent to the public square. Will lease for year on easy terms. Apply to JENKINS & PEARSON.

M. A. Purnell has purchased a dry goods stock in Sulphur Springs. T. C Perry and Chas. Lake will be clerks in the new business and have gone to that point.

Catarrh Cured. A clear head and sweet breath secured with Shiloh's Catarrh Remedy: sold on a guarantee. Nasal injector free. Sold by Smith Bros. 1

FOR SALE: One hundred acre farm, 80 in cultivation, two tenant houses well improved ten miles east of McKinney, also my residence in north McKinney, a splendid home, all can be purchased at a splendid bargain, part cash and long time for balance and low interest. Call on or address.
DOC. FERGUSON,
McKinney, Tex.

Spring Seed Wheat.

Spring seed wheat for sale or will exchange for soft wheat. It yields 8 to 10 bushels more per acre than soft wheat. Collin County Mill & Elevator Co. McKinney, Tex.

John G. Davis of this city has purchased the Dallas circulation of the St. Louis Globe-Democrat and Post-Dispatch. His office is 257 Main St. and Lynn Davies is assisting him.

J. T. Nale is selling Furniture, Stoves, Tinware, Queenswaree and Glassware and all other kinds of house furnishing goods for less money than any other house in north Texas, one door east of postoffice.

What is it? A cure for Coughs, Colds, Croup, Whooping Cough, Hoarseness, Sore Throat, and all Bronchial Affection of the Throat, Chest and Lungs, 50 doses for 50 cents, Money refunded if it fails to give satisfaction; we mean Dr. Simmons' Cough Syrup.

After several years absence Alma Martin arrived from the west with his wife, Sunday, on a visit to his father John Martin of Viney Grove

Charley McQuaid returned yesterday from a short stay with his brother-in-law, Charles Wallace, twelve miles northeast of McKinney. Mr. Wallace has five children down sick with typhoid fever, and has just buried two others.—Wylie Rustler.

Standard goods, low profits, straightforward dealing and courteous attention to all never fails of reward to the merchants who adopt this motto. The truthfulness of this is demonstrated by Goostree & Houston's immense grocery trade.

Karl's Clover Root Tea, for Constipation it's the Best and if after using it you don't say so, return the package and get your money. Sold by Smith Bros. 1

Well Satisfied.

With 1897 we have made a grand change for the better for 1898. We carry up-to-date picture moulding, best grade farmes, queenesware tinware best medium line furniture, cookstoves & heaters.
Asbury & Nelson.

All were well entertained at the Opera house Friday night by the young participants in the programme. Misses Lula Allison and Ludie Lindsay, whose pupils in music and elocution, respectively, gave the entertainment, may well feel complimented at their success.

WHAT Dr. A. E. SALTER SAYS:

BUFFALO, N. Y.—Gents:—From my personal knowledge, gained in observing the effect of your Shiloh's Cure in cases of advanced consumption, I am prepared to say is the most remarkable Remedy that has ever been brought to my attention. It has certainly saved many from Consumption. Sold by Smith Bros.

Clint Thompson has received a fine shipment of chickens from Ex-Congressman Sid Conger of Indiana. It is said to be the finest pen of Barred Plymouth Rocks ever brought to McKinney.

Foote House Barber Shop.

When in need of barbering don't forget to call on Ed & Will at the Foote House barber shop. They have got the only first class shop in town. You will have to pay for what you get, but will get what you pay for and in first class style. They employ none but expert workmen. They appreciate your patronage in the past and solicit a continuance of the same during the year 1898.

Will N. Griffin and Miss Anna Cailey of Tennessee were married at Plano Sunday. Mr. Griffin is one of McKinney's enterprising young business men being connected with the Parlin & Orendorff Co.'s local branch house.

The Modern Way

Commends itself to the well informed to do pleasantly and effectually what was formerly done in the crudest manner and disagreeably as well. To cleanse the system and break up colds, headaches, and fevers without unpleasant after effects, use the delightful liquid laxative remedy, Syrup of Figs. Made by California Fig Syrup Co.

Prof. D. W. Leigh arrived in McKinney Tuesday from the south. He is an experienced vocal instructor of great success, having taught extensively in this county. His address is Verona, Texas. See his card in another column of this issue.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy Always Proves Effectual.

There are no better medicines on the market than Chamberlain's. We have used the Cough Remedy when all other failed, and in every instance it proved effectual. Almost daily we hear the virtues of Chamberlain's remedies extolled by those who have used them. This is not an empty puff, paid for at so much a line, but is voluntarily given in good faith, in the hope that suffering humanity may try these remedies and like the writer, be benefitted.—From the Glenville (W. Va.) Pathfinder. For sale by City Drug Store.

Dr. W. T. Moore is a candidate for re-election as alderman, ward No. 3. For several years he has been on the board and is regarded as one of its most careful, industrious and enterprising members. The era of progress and public improvement now evidently dawning upon the city is largely due to the public spiritedness of the present council and no mistake can be made in retaining Dr. Moore in his present position where his efforts have proven so satisfactory in the past.

How's This?

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A man named Pendergrass was brought to McKinney and lodged in jail Monday by Farmersville officers. He is detained on suspicion of murder committed in Virginia and refuses to leave the state without requisition papers.

Frank Sherwood was down town today, the first time since he has had his tussle with cholera morbus. He says he drove thirty miles after he was taken and never came so near dying in his life. After this when he goes out in the country he will take a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy with him—Missouri Valley (Iowa) Times. For sale by City Drug Store.

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Cotton seed per ton	$8.00.
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Meal per bus	40 to 45cts.
Straw per ton	$4.00 $4.50
Chops per cwt	75cts.
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Butter per lb	10 to 12½cts.
Eggs per doz	10 to 121-2cts.
Lard per lb	6½ to 7½cts.
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Hogs per cwt	$3.00 to $3.50.
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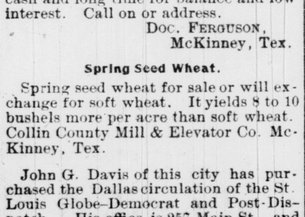

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Washington's birthday was celebrated becomingly in McKinney Tuesday. The banks were closed, public and private schools were suspended and national colors were displayed in front of business houses. At night an extensive program was carried out at the opera house participated in by school children and teachers. Public exercises were held during the day at Ash Grove and Forrest Grove schools. Quite a number from McKinney went down to the latter place and Messrs. J. H. Faulkner and John Doyle delivered brief addresses. Prof. W. L. Yarbrough is teacher of this school.

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Petersburg Local Institute.

The Petersburg local institute met Friday morning, Feb. 18, and was called to order by Chairman Cross. Miss Minnie Blankenship was appointed secretary pro tem. Prof. Klutz was chosen to conduct the exercises on algebra, which he did in a very instructive manner.

Prof. Yarbrough then took up analysis in grammar and handled it in a way that brought out lively discussions.

The institute adjourned till 1 o'clock.

The evening session began with the discussion of geography by Miss Blankenship.

T. S. Hamm was not present and A. C. Thompson was appointed to conduct the class in physiology.

The secretary was appointed to discuss the diacritical marks in spelling, but Prof. Yarbrough volunteered to take her place. He gave a very good lesson.

The motion was put before the house and carried that the teachers, after the program Friday night, discuss the subject, "Resolved that railroads are a curse to the country."

Negative speakers: A. C. Thompson and W. L. Yarbrough.

Affirmative speakers: N. C. Brown, C. C. Cross.

Adjourned till Saturday morning.

SATURDAY.

The house was called to order.

Prof. Brown conducted exercises of first period. The next period was devoted to arithmetic, longitude and time, by A. C. Thompson. Adjourned till afternoon.

Upon reassembling in afternoon the motion was put before the teachers, that the subjects of geometry and physics be dropped as the conductors of those branches were absent, and discuss the subject of Summer Normal. The motion was carried. The next motion was to carry the resolutions of the Farmersville institute over to the central institute; carried.

The subject of local institutes was discussed next and it was decided that we would not have any more meetings.

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Expression of Thanks.

We desire to extend thanks to all our friends who so kindly aided us in Monday morning's fire, and since the loss of our home.
Very sincerely
Dr. and Mrs. J. T. Taylor.

Stolen

On the 4th of February a dark bay mare with just a little white above the hoof of one hind foot about ten years old. A liberal reward for any information leading to the recovery of the animal by I. P. Payne, Vineland, Tex. Leave word at THE DEMOCRAT office.

LIST OF LETTERS.

Remaining unclaimed in the postoffice, at McKinney, Tex Feb., 23, '98, which, if unclaimed in two weeks, will be sent to Dead Letter Office at Washington, D. C.

LADIES.

Armstrong	Cramar Anna
Caldwell Mattie	Couch Mary
Hill Susan E	Johns Annie
Lokey Laura	Redden Mary
Shelton Allice	Willis Monnie
Wilson M J	

GENTLEMAN.

Bates E M	Abnickle
Bird J W	Byers R H
Caplinger R A	Crutcher G H
Howard John	Harris J H
McCannel J M	Miller J F
Ragland G W	Reed R E
Rho Anna	Rogers U M
Rogers Lisha	Russell C W
Sheak Alley	Sneatham Geo S
Smith Willard	Thompson Geo
Williams T W	Young J H

Persons calling for letters on this list must say "advertised" or they may fail to get them.
Mrs. M. A. Cameron
Postmistress.

RELIGIOUS.

Rev. Bennett Hatcher, once pastor of the Frst Baptist church in this city, has been re-elected pastor of the Ennis Baptist church for next year.

Yesterday was Ash Wednesday. At the Episcopal church at 4:30 o'clock in the afternoon appropriate services were held by Rector Galbraith. Services will continue to be held at this hour every day during Lent except Saturdays.

Rev. E. G. Kilgore, of Greenville, and Miss Mary Ford of Mississippi were married at Temple Tex. Feb. 15. Rev. Kilgore is a noted evangelist and is well known in McKinney and Collin county where he has relatives and frequently held meetings.

Rev. Joel S. Graves looked in upon our sanctum, Tuesday, with his kindly glances and cheering presence. He says the neighbors of his new home, Blue Ridge, are good people and give him big hearings at all appointments. Bro. Graves was on Anna Mission last year and among other things the preacher said that he was "lonesome for Frank Smith and Dr. T. G. Boorman of Princeton and Munce Welch and Lucky Coffey of Anna." Continuing in that strain he said that the "new church and parsonage built at Princeton was due more to the enterprising spirit of Smith and Boorman than anything else and the same could be said of the parsonage at Anna and Welch and Coffey. These men are pure gold."

Despite the norther last Sunday morning there were good attendances at all the services at the Christian church. John 3:16 was taken for the basis of Pastor Hallam's morning sermon, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son to die that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

His evening sermon was the first of a series in answer to questions sent out a few weeks ago on "why I am not a Christian."

At a meeting of the Board of Officers held Sunday afternoon it was decided to begin a protracted meeting the first Sunday in May, and Eld. B. B. Tyler, of Washington, D. C. will do the preaching. He is one of the foremost, if not the best, preacher they have among them.

Subject for the Endeavor meeting next Sunday evening is "Getting close to Christ," Luke 10:-38-42, John 17:20-26, leader, the president. It being consecration day all the members are expected to be present with a verse, or some word to say at roll call.

There will be the usual services next Sunday, preaching and Lord's Supper at 11, Sunday school at 9:30, Junior and Intermediate C. E's, at 3:30 and the Y.P.S.C.E. at 6.15, all are cordially invited to attend, any or all of these services.

Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage licenses have been recorded in the County Clerk's office since last report:

Adam Bacy and Miss Lou Ivra.

G H Provine and Miss Marguerite Thompson.

Will Alison Boone and Miss Sue Elizabeth Worsham.

S M Wright and Miss Bertie Lewis.

P L Cox and Miss Bertie Talesson.

S A Houghston and Miss Cora Farris.

J M Bus and Miss Addie Lewis.

Will N Griffin and Miss Anna G Ailey.

J A Isonberg and Miss Minnie Kenedy.

NEGRO KILLED.

In McKinney Early Sunday Morning—Sam McKinney Surrenders.

About 2 o'clock Sunday morning Sam McKinney, white bartender for George Howell, shot Ed Bynum, colored, inflicting wounds from which death ensued at 5 o'clock the same evening. McKinney surrendered to night watch, Jordon Stokes, saying that he shot in self defense. McKinney claims that he was locking the back door of the saloon after the day's business had been finished when the difficulty occurred. The negro's pistol was picked up near where he fell by officer Stokes and its owner was found writhing in agony in the alley east of the city hotel. Bynum was carried into the hotel and subsequently to his home but medical aid was unavailing to relieve him and he died as above stated the same evening. McKinney was realeased on a $500 bond.

Leg Broken.

Sunday morning as the fire department was answering an alarm of fire from Henry Wilson's residence the Hook and Ladder truck and Hose cart ran into each other at the intersection of Tennessee and Davis streets. In jumping from the truck Will Lake fell and was run over by the hose cart which broke his leg just above the knee. After seeing the flames extinguished the boys repaired to their hall and showed their sympathy for an unfortunate comrade by donating him $50 to help defray expense occasioned by his injury. A burning flue caused the alarm to be turned in.

Sensational Marriage.

Quite a sensation was caused here Monday by the announcement that Miss Carrie Emerson, the sixteen year old daughter of Cashier T. H. Emerson of the First National Bank had been married the day before in Allen by Rev. Love to Roy Anderson of Greenville.

Mr. Anderson, the groom, is a printer of his town and came over Sunday and took Miss Emerson buggy riding in the afternoon. Repairing to Allen they sought the preacher who duly pronounced them man and wife upon being presented with the legal and necessary papers by the groom. After the ceremony the young couple returned to McKinney, the bride to her home and the groom proceeding to his home in Greenville. Next morning Miss Carrie went to school as usual and nothing was heard of the affair by the family until T. D. Emerson, a cotton seed buyer and brother of the bride, was told on the square here later in the day by a gentleman that he had witnessed the marriage of his (Emerson's) sister in Allen the day before. Telephoning to the officiating minister in Allen this information was confirmed and Emerson proceeded to Dallas where the license were said to have been issued. He obtained a copy of an affidavit sworn to by Mr. Anderson alleging his bride to be eighteen years old and thence proceeded to Greenville where the latter was arrested for falsely swearing to Miss Emerson's age. The accused gave bond and with some friends came over to McKinney yesterday but the bride's family have failed to become reconciled and sent the young bride off to be placed in a convent.

County Court.

County court convened Monday Feb. 20, and transacted the following criminal matters to time of going to press:

J W Wilson, violating local option law, guilty, fine $25 and 20 days in jail.

H C Mack, practicing law without license, not guilty.

John Lockhart, disturbing worship, dismissed for want of jurisdiction.

Bud and Dennis Jaggers, aggravated assault, Dennis Jaggers' dead, Bud Jagger's bond forfeited.

Jake Ramsey appeal, continued.

Henry Ramsey, appeal, not guilty.

Mans Stansell, gaming fined $10.

Claudge Sledge, appeal, continued.

Will Arrington, abusive language, not guilty.

Will Arrington, carrying arms, not guilty.

J J Yost, gaming, fine $10.

J B Milam, obstructing public road, fine $10.

Bob Young, obstructing public road, not guilty.

Bob Hendricks, dirturbing peace not guilty.

Tom Airhart, appeal, not guilty.

Ben Ayers, appeal, not guilty.

Will Butcher, aggravated assault, not guilty.

Jim Taylor, disturbing public worship, not guilty.

Charley Houser, theft of property under value of $50, fine $5 and six hours in jail.

Willard Howerton, aggravated assault and battery, judgment per mandate filed.

Jack Wilson, theft, fine $15 and 15 days in jail.

Will Bowen, abusive language, not guilty.

Jimmie Johnson, aggravated assault, not guilty.

There is talk of placing the date of the Dallas State fair later than usual.

Tartar

On the teeth is a precipitate of the solid constituents of the saliva. It is this tartar that helps to collect little particles of food and thus to favor decay of the teeth. It is not possible to avoid the deposit of tartar, because it is a process of nature, but our Tooth Powder will prevent it from hardening on the teeth and discoloring them.

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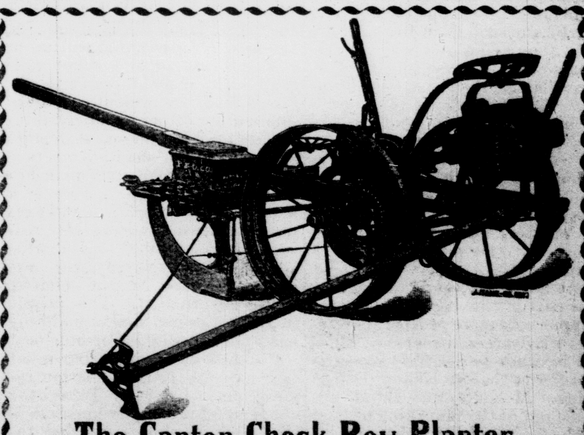

The Canton Check Row Planter.

This machine has been on the market for a number of years and is no stranger to the farmers of Collin county, but we desire to call attention to some of the improvements that have been made during the last season which makes the *Canton* better than ever. We now have the machine so arranged as to plant both corn and cotton, checking or drilling either, as desired by the operator, with unerring precision. We also have an automatic reel which winds up the wire with the team and is a considerable saving of time and labor to the operator, besides reeling the wire up in a better shape than it can possibly be done by hand.

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THE COMMISSION A FAILURE.

Mr. Gibbs and His Friends, Hogg and Shaw—Home Industry Is Away Ahead of Partisan Politics.

Dallas News, Feb. 13.

Ex-Lieut. Gov. Barnett Gibbs said to News reporter yesterday afternoon:

"What is the use of Texas people tearing their hair every year to reform the United States government? They count for about as much in fixing the financial system as they do in regulating the solar system. Under the influence of a brass band, whisky, and an oratorical spell-binder they whoop and holloa for an individual, or a political party with a platform as vague and meaningless as the sayings of the ancient oracle of Delphi. They lose millions every year in excessive freight rates to their own gulf shore. They have bonded themselves and their children for such courthouses and jails as wealthier and more populous counties in the east never dreamed of.

"They have never had the nerve to demand a vote on these bond issues before becoming burdened with them, nor the nerve to lynch the so-called representative who issued them against their consent. They have no power except to choose a master, and in Mississippi we used to allow a negro slave that much say so when he was for sale. Why don't they demand a state railroad to save the excessive freight? Why don't they demand a referendum of all statutes lobbied or brought through the legislature by a bare majority? Thus far their ticket will reach without placing it out and no further.

"Instead of taking hold of the home industry manufacturing problem they cuss yankees and yankee trusts, and at the same time buy everything from the shrewd yankee from the baby's diaper to the old man's coffin and shroud. They have given away a princely land domain inherited from vigorous ancestors to railroads that charge them a higher freight rate than they do people who gave them nothing. They are dissipating the school fund inherited from the same ancestors in building courthouses and jail monuments to their own vanity, when the aforesaid fighting ancestors sleep in graves unmarked by a tomb.

"I am not hankering to get back into any political party to be applauded or whooped or hollered for by any such durn fools. I am with the people who will revolutionize against these things, whatever blanket they may sleep under. They are afraid to go into their school houses and discuss and demand these things for fear they will make fools of themselves when it seems the Lord or the politicians have done this up to the limit. If one-half of these people were as much afraid of the Lord and the poverty of their helpless off-spring as they are of party bosses or social ostracism, this part of the world would have happier and more prosperous people. Even their leaders are whining in congress gleefully over the prosperity that McKinley did not bring. McKinley and Bryan are made out of the same kind of dust as the fool mudsillers that expected either one of them to make Texas prosperous. Neither of them carry the key to God's smokehouse, and if they break in will only carry off meat enough for themselves and their kinsfolk or organizers. Instead of those politicians fighting sham battles and gloating over human misery, don't they relieve the comple of some of their bur- [illegible] them directly or [illegible] the power of minority howlers, and the democrats were running Washington socially and politically, why do they not institute some reforms that squinted at prosperity of redemption from trusts and monopolies? Up north they have great fox chases without any fox by simply dragging a scented bag through the woods ahead of the hounds.

"Fine fox hunting, this; and the politicians in Texas are giving the people same sort of a game. What difference should it make to the overburdened ass whether he is an Andalusian, a Mexican or a Texas ass, if he is fed on the same kind of thistles? If Texas is going to continue to suffer from too much representative power, too excessive a freight rate to the gulf, and enforced production of raw material only, then the only advantage in being a democrat is to get office, so as to play for even, by holding up the railroads or the fool people.

"I went in for Hogg and commission and spent more time and money on it than all the men in office in Austin, and even furnished blanks and stationary to organize Smith county. Why? I thought that the commission would be composed of vigorous men of experience, and that it would in two years be backed up by a state or co-operative railroad. Jim Hogg was in favor of it, as shown by his message, but the newspapers and smaller caliber politicians made him lay down like a steer in the lane on a hot day. The party would not stand anything as practical towards a sure enough settlement of the freight question. They were willing for him to ride behind the hounds to a scented bag, but not to a sure enough fox. I have always been consistent in my fight for greater industrial and commercial independence for Texas. The columns of The News will show that the first speech in Texas against the fifteen-year penitentiary lease and in favor of using the convicts on works of public utility was made by me. It was in the teeth of that great old man and true friend, Gov. Roberts, that I made that fight, because I believed that it was for the greater glory of Texas from a humanitarian and industrial standpoint.

"The grand old man got a little hot in the collar with Senator Taylor and myself, but did not move to turn me out of the party, but after the fight was all over gave me a drink of Smith county brandy that had paid no internal revenue tax. The old man has no party standing of his own now, and in all probability is not on Chilton's morning glory list. I am not worrying about political affiliations, but shall continue to follow policies and not men or party banners that stand for official pie only. A political revolutionist must, like a Cuban revolutionist, take his chances.

"Instead of Cuba libre and libre silver somebody better raise the cry of Texas libre. I am for the men and party that will go in to free Texas with a relief railroad. If our people can't be relieved from the present corporate domination of her commercial interests on land and sea, then state sovereignty is a sham, democracy a lie and practical statesmanship an iridescent dream. This is a matter not of party, but Texas patriotism, and there is more reason for taking up arms against it than there ever was against Mexico or the United States government. The people in all parties can make pudding-head politicians fight or hide out.

"A state or co-operative relief railroad with proper charter restrictions will give Texas the commercial prosperity and industrial position she is entitled to, and preserve the independence of the ships touching at our ports. Nothing else will reach the spot. We should either preserve what is left of our state sovereignty or sell it at 10 cents on the dollar and build some more fine courthouses and jails to employ our surplus labor in industrial pursuits. There is a greater work in hand for Texas statesmen than crucifying goldbugs or vilifying populists or convicting republicans of lying. The school teachers are dying by [illegible] for the [illegible] remember that [illegible] and that [illegible] George Washington was now living he would not be permitted to be the daddy of a whole country, as that would give him more children than there would be pie.

"Railroad companies have not only declared a boycott against the Lone Star Steamship company, running from Galveston to New York, but are in a conspiracy to drive all ships not partly owned by the railroad companies out of our gulf ports. What is worse, I know of one merchant in Dallas who required his New York freight to be routed over that line to Dallas and they positively refused him the privilege. The superannuated railroad commission has ruled that the railroad receiving the freight has a right to route it to suit themselves.

"Even Hogg could not remain prominent in democratic circles and stick to his message for a Texas relief railroad. A man cusses corporations and even vote for political commissions and preserve his party status, but up to date in Texas he has been allowed to go no further in the democratic party. The lamented John Ireland signed the ship tackle bill, but lost his next fight for democratic honors. It is not good politics to disturb the fount tainhead of campaign funds.

"The columns of The News and the old Gazette will show that in the interest of industrial Texas I spent more time and money in the Fort Worth, the Denver and the Topeka conventions for deep water than all the officers of the state government in Austin. In the deep water convention at Denver I defeated the report of the fixed-up organization committee and a majority of the Texas delegation by moving to substitute Gov. Thayer of Nebraska for permanent chairman, when the others had selected a purchaser of Texas county bonds without the necessary political influence to help us out. Gov Thayer, from the day he accepted the leadership, devoted his time and money to the cause, and it won, to the great glory of industrial Texas. The defeat of Galveston then was her subsequent great victory. It was industrial results that I was after, and The News even skinned me for my Thayer speech.

"I believed that deep water would be followed up with an interstate railroad; if not, then by a Texas relief railroad. I am not worrying over Texas politics, except as they affect industrial Texas. Even with his nerve and honest intentions, Jim Hogg had to abandon his practical and patriotic intentions along the line indicated by his famous message. Party bosses in Austin were reinforced by party bosses sent there on passes to let Jim know that he had reached the danger line and to show him that fine courthouses and jails were what industrial Texas needed, and not employment for labor or relief from the high freight rate to the gulf. They never convinced Jim that the fight was not a righteous one, but he got scared at the number of deserters. Even Bill Shaw, with an over-confidence in the commission, threatened to throw down his Hogg musket, and this temporarily scared me into the sand pit along with Jim, and I stood the smothering as long as I could.

"Texas people have only a toe-hold on the federal government, but have a leadpipe cinch on their own sovereignty, if they only knew it. Their industrial and commercial prosperity is more in their own hands than in the hands of the gentleman from Ohio or the gentleman from Nebraska. If the Lord leads Edison or some hungry miner to a mountain of gold, both will be cut off from their free silver issue. What policy will put the Texas cotton-raiser and manufacturer on equality with cotton-raisers of other states equally well located as to the distance from the tramp ships? Who except our own people will pull Texas out of the present freight and industrial adverse conditions? We have a fine set of clever railroad men in Texas, but they don't own the railroads, and if they did, could not get away from the immense bonded indebtedness held elsewhere. The Lord can't help us, as He is not in the freight business, and His agents are all passenger agents for the co-operative narrow-guage running north. Mud-sillers only have free passes on that road. The merchant in his store, the mechanic in his shop, the professional man in his office and the farmer at the plow must take up this question.

"This year you can vote for a congressman on his looks, his shape or his song and dance, and not hurt Texas any worse; but legislators and state officers should be voted for on their declarations of state policies. No candidate for office is going to set the pace, though he may select his track: neither can he afford to do it, as he may get it too fast or too slow. In the approaching fox hunt the game should be the fox that eats the chickens. The mud-siller dogs should have a sure enough run for their money, and not to yelp on a blind trail. It is a fool dog that barks at the butt of one tree when the coon is up another tree.

"If we diversify crops, what are we going to do with the surplus diversity, hug it to our bosoms, as we do the surplus adversity?

"If we build good dirt roads at great expense, where will they lead to? To a railroad with a $40,000 a mile bond or to a $500,000 courthouse, dealing out expensive justice? Railroads are bought in by favorites of federal courts at $6000 per mile in Texas, [illegible] and [illegible] ornamental commission can't go behind the returns, even if it wants to.

"I have no designs on anybody's office or nomination or party organization. I never expect to flirt with or hug the individual party boss or voter any more, even if Texas gets female suffrage. I expect myself, my children and my grandchildren to die in Texas and hope we will be buried close by a state or people's co-operative railroad and in a Texas coffin and shroud manufactured by Texas labor fed on Texas farm products. Every time I call on Jim Hogg I am willing to take a small smile with him out of that Tyler jug hid under his bed.

"The winsome smile of Friend Shaw still tickles me, but I wonder how a thoroughbred democratic dog can grow hilarious with such a dry bone as national politics. They are mostly funerals and froth. Jim and Bill have not extended that invitation indicated by High Priest Johnson; when they do I want to know something about the substantiality of the grub we are to have after the ball. I am getting to that age when it is sad to contemplate too much exercise without a sniff at the kitchen, and mild appetizers are stale.

"When an invitation is extended the invited guest don't have to send regrets or acceptance six months in advance, whether it is a populist or democratic frolic. Evidently from his own paper Bill Shaw don't yet know what the bill of fare is going to be. A common mudsiller can't live on fricasseed goldbugs in an off year, but might tickle his palate with such a dainty dish once in four years. If Jim and Bill have a kissing acquaintance with the democratic cook they might have a Texas relief railroad dished up that would be tempting.

"Several democratic bosses tell me that if either one of them is caught even winking at the democratic cook they will be thrown out of the house. They are evidently down for the second table or cold hand-outs. The mince pie is reserved for the young bloods. When you ask them the way to get a prosperity fill on you, they smile and refer you to Bill McKinley or three helpless commissioners made out of common dirt. The Texas relief railroad and less constitutional power in the representatives and more in the people would either bring prosperity to Texas or raise hell, and right now either one would be an agreeable diversion to the cotton scrapers' association, of which Jim is an honorary member.

"They can't say this railroad is not democratic without disturbing the shades of Ben Hill, Jo Brown and other lifetime Georgia democrats and without putting Jim Hogg out of the party unless he justifies himself on the grounds that his was such a little one. They can't say it is not feasible, for there are four courthouses in Texas that cost as much cash as it will require and the capitol building cost three times as much. Before there are any party primaries the business men, the laboring men, the professional men and the farmers ought to discuss these questions. Except in the matter of tariff and coinage Texas is a sovereign power and controls her own destiny.

"The schoolhouse debating societies, instead of debating who was the greatest man, Christopher Columbus or George Washington should discuss the Texas relief railroad and that the referendum of statutes. The farmer on his plow should argue the questions with himself, provided he is not plowing in post oak land. From the days of Patrick Henry, the soundest principles of government and their most vigorous advocate have come from the country shoolhouses. There is too much partisanship and political organization in these days and old man Hanna hasn't a monopoly of it. To the victors belong the spoils is now liberally construed to include not only offices and pensions, but morning glory seeds paid for by the whole people. The masses furnish all the spoils.

"What is republican politics in Texas today but a fight between Green and Grant with six-shooters left out? What is democratic politics in Texas to-day but a fight of the ins to perpetuate their power and establish succession after the manner of the little king of Spain? It is recorded that in west Texas once a lot of cowboys threw up their jobs and good wages because the cattle they herded were not well grazed and watered. Even these herders of dumb brutes had consideration for their suffering. It is argued that people can protect themselves, but this is not historically true and under our form of representative government unless representatives are true to professed principles the theory is untenable. The mudsiller is trained from his early youth to stick to his party boss just as even a half-starved cow will stick to its range because it knows no other.

"Our press ridicules the Spanish policy for its avowed policy of buying up insurgents, yet our party politics is to-day based on purchasing leaders with office and common voters with cash or pensions to which they are not entitled by reason of service. Both political parties sell franchises to corporations for campaign funds, absolutely necessary to success. Federal postoffices, marshalships, revenue collectorships, etc., could with more advantage to the people be sold at public auction and the money turned into the public treasury than sold cheap on the sly to party bosses. This, however, is of little importance to Texas as compared with the Texas relief railroad.

"This game of political foot ball is getting monotonous and the rule should be reversed. Let the politicians be the ball for a little while and the people do the kicking. The business men are too busy figuring interest, profits and losses, mostly losses, the farmer is depending on some boss to do his thinking, so the corporations and politicians have a picnic. If the people in all political parties in Texas would demand this relief all political parties would put it in their platform. No political party can bring prosperity, but they can stand in the way of its coming and ought to be clubbed to death at the ballot box when it does. Hanna only differs from the established customs of party politicians in that he puts more cash condiments in his pie. It is just a difference in the amount of seasoning."

Resolutions of Respect.

H. C. Herndon, a charter member, and for more than ten years an active fireman, has decided to remove from our midst and locate in business at Mineral Wells. Born and reared in Collin county, he gave his early manhood to the service of his country and proved himself a gallant Confederate soldier. For more than twenty years he has been engaged in successful business among us and has served the city as one of its wisest, safest and best aldermen for the same period of time. As a fireman he has always shown himself devoted to the best interest of his city and ready and willing to do his whole duty.

Therefore be it resolved:

1st. That in the departure of H. C. Herndon, the city of McKinney has lost one of its best citizens, and the fire department a zealous member whom we delighted to honor.

2nd. That H. C. Herndon carries with him to his home our best wishes for his success, and his happiness.

3rd. That we request the papers of McKinney and Mineral Wells to publish these resolutions.

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